

## Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

**Note:** (per Robert's Rules of Order) During the quarterly meeting of the General Membership a slate of nominees for position on the Board of Directors was presented by the Nominating Committee (having been previously distributed to the general membership). The slate included Sandy Dunkin, Barton Harlan, Alf Lyle, Diana Merryman, Joe Moreland and Stan Ness. The President pro tem, Stan Ness, asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were made. It was moved and seconded that the slate be approved as published. President pro tem Ness asked for a *viva voce* (voice vote). Motion carried without objection.

**Call to Order:** President pro tem, Stan Ness, called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established by the presence of the following members: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Dave Chapel, Ian Guajardo, John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Marie Whittington, Mike Morris, Sandy Dunkin and Stan Ness. Also in attendance: GJAOC members Bill Underwood and Diana Merryman.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Lynn Bonas and seconded that the Board Minutes for the August 2, 2018 meeting be approved as published. Motion passed without objection.

**Discussion regarding board member status:** The Board currently has eleven members. However, the slate of nominees was just approved by a vote of the General Membership. Diana Merryman is immediately available to become the replacement for Roy Baker's position. (This should be dealt with at the October meeting.) Stan mention that the board should continually be looking for new members and for those interested in serving on the board.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Gallie provided a Financial Statement handout dated August 31, 2018 (see attached). Checking account ending balance was \$11,780.90. The 12-month CD has a current balance of \$9,203.64. This CD ends on January 2, 2019 and its status needs to be dealt with in December of this year. All filings have been made with the exception of IRS Form 990-N. The online filing failed because the existing password did not work. Bill Underwood will get with John on this matter.

**Membership Report:** **(A) Consolidation of Listings** – Alf needs to get with Mike on this item. **(B) Status of Collection of dues** – Nothing new was reported on this item. **(C) Status re: Business Cards** – The President pro tem asked if this item could be settled or stricken from future agendas. It was agreed that Alf would help anyone who wanted to order cards or members can go to [www.visitprint.com](http://www.visitprint.com) and order on their own.

**Programs:** **(A) Luncheon speaker for the December meeting** – Lynn reported that a letter has been sent to U.S. Federal Judge, David Carter, requesting that he be the principal speaker at the December luncheon meeting. Lynn reminded the board that we need a back-up speaker(s) for all future luncheon meetings. Various names were mentioned as possibilities.

**Newsletter:** Mike Morris indicated that people liked having a description of the luncheon menu choices included in the newsletter. In the future we will also have a photograph of the menu items.

**Committees:**

- A. **Measure M** – Bill Underwood – We are holding back on the contract negotiations with OCTA. He hopes that he will have something to report for the October board meeting.
- B. **Speakers Bureau** – Sandy Dunkin – The Bureau has been on hiatus during the summer. As they gear up for the Fall and Winter, Sandy requests that all members provide her with any contacts for future speaking engagements, especially from clubs and organizations. The current chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment and Orientation Committee is Tim Ogata.
- C. **Legislation Committee** – There was no report given due to the absence of John Moohr. Stan indicated that he was on a teleconference call with the California Grand Jury Association. They have good access to what is going on in the state legislature.

**Unfinished Business: (A) Continuation of discussion regarding possible amendments to the Association Bylaws** – Bill Underwood handed out to members the Green Copy (2013) of the current bylaws. Dave Chapel asked the question, “Do we want to review the bylaws?” If so, he suggested that a committee be formed as soon as possible comprised of three or four members to do the preliminary work. It was moved and seconded to form such an ad hoc committee. Motion carried unanimously. President pro tem Ness appointed Dave to be the chairperson and asked for a couple of volunteers to be on the committee. Diana Merryman and Barton Harlan so volunteered. Stan asked members to send their ideas to the new “Bylaws Review Committee.”

**New Business: (A) Observations regarding additional new member attendees at today’s luncheon** – Stan indicated that he hopes we can hang on to Bob Niccum, the out-going Grand Jury foreman. We might consider inviting a few city council members to future luncheons. Additionally, we might want to talk about inviting the head of the City Managers association to come to future board meetings just to listen and observe. **(B) Should the Grand Jury Association consider authoring its own reports?** – Stan asked if we can, and the answer is yes! Just look at the association’s Mission Statement. The issuing of “reports” is encouraged within the Mission Statement’s goals and objectives. Marie Whittington offered a list of topics for the Board to look at in the future.

**Adjournment:** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The President pro tem declared that the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled at the OCCU (856 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana), Oct 4, 2018 at 10 am.

By:

*Barton Harlan*

Board Secretary